

## DOMINIQUE

**ACP Region:** The Caribbean  
**Population:** 70,000  
**Official Language:** English  
**Capital:** Roseau

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**Culture policy:** a culture policy was recently adopted.

**Principal public cultural bodies:**

- National Cultural Council: Created in 1981, it is responsible for advising the government, developing, implementing and evaluating cultural policies, collecting data, carrying out research, overseeing international relations, managing issues related to copyright, organising events, managing equipment, awarding prizes, publishing work, etc. It also provides technical and financial support to organisations and individuals for actions in the fields of creation, research and development, production, dissemination, preservation, etc. The NCC receives no Government subsidies; its resources come from private sources and especially from its own activities, namely, renting space and equipment.
- Dominica Academy of Arts and Science - Art & Culture Committee.
- Society for Historic Architectural Preservation and Enhancement (SHAPE)

**Some professional organisations:**

- Association of Calypsonians

**Some events:**

- Carnival
- World Creole Music festival
- Dominica Festival of Arts (DOMFESTA)
- Teyat Kweyol Festival

**Sources and documents:** The website for the Division of Culture offers a directory of institutions and cultural actors.

**COOPERATION WITH THE EC**

**Cultural cooperation:** Nothing has been carried out. Culture is not included in the spheres of cooperation of the 9<sup>th</sup> EDF.

**Regional cooperation:** EC/Cariforum Programme

**Delegation:** DEC to Barbados